

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Western Wood-Pewee (*Contopus sordidulus*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 very dark, almost solid black
3. Parish:
St. Mary
4. Specific Locality:
Burns Point Park entrance road; 29.571722, -91.534566
5. Date(s) when observed: 09-29-2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 4:45 PM - 5:15 PM
7. Reporting observer: LeeAnn Hepler
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Full sun, bird was facing NW.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon DSLR D7500 with a 300-500mm lens, images taken at 500mm and cropped.
12. Distance to bird(s): 200 ft
13. Duration of observation: 30 minutes
14. Habitat: Perched on high, dead tree that overlooks a scrubby area with several other dead trees. The area is separated from water by a stand of live oak trees.
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Classic

flycatcher behavior observed: bird was perched, flew out to snag a bug, circled back and returned to perch. This behavior helped to narrow ID down.

16. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possible: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species):

Size was similar to an Eastern Wood-Pewee or an Eastern Phoebe, which I have seen many times before. The head had a similar shape

17. Voice: silent

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Eastern Wood-Pewee was eliminated by fieldmarkings/coloration.

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

All photos obtained by LeeAnn Hepler

20. Previous experience with this species: None.

21. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

Merlin Bird ID, Terrebonne Bird Club social media - members' opinions

22. Identification aids used when?

At time of sighting, After observation

23. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain:

I cannot think of another possible ID.

24. Date report completed:

09/30/2024

25. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

Yes

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?

Yes











